

Coordinating Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)

TAFDC (also known as public welfare) provides time-limited cash benefits to certain families with dependent children and pregnant women in the last 120 days of pregnancy. A recipient must:

- meet income and asset limits;
- live in Massachusetts;
- be a U.S. citizen or a legal immigrant; and
- have a Social Security Number or have applied for a Social Security Number.

Families receiving TAFDC are also eligible for MassHealth insurance. To apply for public assistance go to the Transitional Assistance Office that covers your city or town. There you will meet with a Transitional Assistance Worker who will start the process. For more help applying for public assistance, call the Application Information Unit at 1-800-249-2007 or visit the web page www.state.ma.us/dta.

If you have any questions, call the MA Department of Public Health Community Support Line at 1-800-882-1435 (TTY: 617-624-5992 for the deaf and hard of hearing).

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